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Subject: Funding, staffing, and activities of DEA FOIA office

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Dear Mr. Lipton:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 25, 2019, received by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit, seeking access to the following materials related to the funding, staffing, and activities of this FOIA office:

1. Budget. There is not a separate budget for DEA's FOIA office. Information regarding DEA's budget can be found at: <https://www.justice.gov/doj/budget-and-performance>.
2. Staffing. Information related to the number of staff involved in the handling of FOIA requests is contained in the Department of Justice annual FOIA report and is available to the public online at: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/reports-1>. DEA does not maintain a report that captures the total number of hours worked for FOIA personnel. Please be advised, general contact information for DEA FOIA staff is available at: <https://www.foia.gov>.
3. FOIA requester categories. A search of DEA's FOIA tracking system identified the following breakdown by fee category of requests received for fiscal years 2017 and 2018:

Fee Category	FY2017	FY2018
Commercial	168	158
News Media	317	251
Educational	26	52
Noncommercial Scientific Institution	19	21
All Others	1,206	1,367

4. FOIA fee waivers. Information related to the number of fee waivers granted is contained in the Department of Justice annual FOIA report and is available to the public online at: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/reports-1>.
5. FOIA fee collection. Information related to the amount of fees collected for processing requests is contained in the Department of Justice annual FOIA report and is available to the public online at: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/reports-1>. Please note, DEA does maintain a separate mechanism to track fee estimates or the status of a requester's payment.

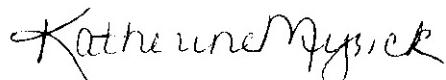
For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 202-307-7596 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact our Customer Service Hotline Representative at 202-307-7596.

Sincerely,



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